

Science

In the third trimester, Chinese class will teach a new science unit - Structures of Life in Plants. Your child will use a class sprouter to plant various kinds of seeds and examine the process of germination. Then students will grow seedlings hydroponically in a nutrient solution and observe them throughout their life cycle.

You can increase your child's understanding and interest by asking about your child's investigations at school and by providing more experiences about the process of germination at home. You might want to count the seeds found in various fruits and vegetables as you prepare dinner (Your child will learn that all plant parts that hold seeds are technically fruits). You could also grow plants from seeds, grow and eat edible sprouts, and look for the fruits and seeds of plants in your neighborhood.

Please do the following Home/School activities (see below). These activities will provide an opportunity for your whole family to look more closely at the structures of life around you.

The assessment will be in English.

Social Studies

Here are the main ideas we are learning this trimester in Chinese.

- North America has been home to many American Indians. California is home to many American Indians today.
- Most American Indian groups conveyed their history through myths and legends.
- They had and still have beliefs involving spirits.
- California Indians lived in different environments.
- They ate different foods, built different types of homes, and used unique types of clothing and tools.
- The U.S. Government set aside land for American Indians. These reservations make money. American Indian groups support the economy.

Family Activities

Talk Together

Discuss who your family's ancestors are. Where do they come from? What beliefs and customs in your family were passed down from these ancestors?

Learn Together

Help your child learn about Indian groups.

- Read about a nearby reservation or, if possible, visit one. How do you think living on a reservation would be similar and different from where you live now?

- Choose a city, state, or country that is very different from where you live now. Read about it. How would your lives changes if you moved there? Would you wear different clothes, have different jobs, eat different foods, or live in a different type of home.

Read Together

Weave Little Stars into My Sleep: Native American Lullabies, edited by Nel Philip. (Houghton Muifflin, ISBN 0-618-08856-3, 2001

Sarah Winnemucca, by Mary F. Morrow. (Steck Vaughn, ISBN 0-811-44095-8, 1990 Biography

The California Coast, by Sera St. Antonie. (Mikweed Editions, ISBN 1-571-31631-0, 2001 Nonfiction

Chinese Language Arts

Chinese characters:

In the third trimester, we will cover the following Chinese lessons

第七課、 Lesson 7 -Who Am I Like?

第^カ八^ツ課^コ、明^ミ明^ミ的^カ撲^ク滿^{マン} Lesson 8: Ming 's Piggy Bank

第九課、 Lesson 9 - Where are My Glasses?

第十課、 Lesson 10 - USA is my country

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Quizzes

Social Studies:

Social Studies Quiz 4: on Tuesday, May 29th

Chinese Vocabulary Quiz Lesson 10: on Friday, June 1st

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